ticket examiners to check ticketless travel in long distance Express Trains;

(b; what is the rough estimated cost of loss per year to the Railways due to ticketless travelling;

(c) the amount collected from ticketless traveller during the years 199 J 91, 1991-92 and upto July, 1992; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to put down ticketless travel in ail trains particularly in Express Trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. here is some need.

(b; The Loss is not quantitable.

(c) Rs. 25.12 crores, 28.53 crores and 15.43 crores were realised from ticket-sles travellers during 1990-91, 1991-92 and upto June 1992 (latest available), respectively.

(d) the measures taken to curb tick etless travel include regular surprise! magisterial checks, publicity carnp-uings through different media and deterrent penalties provided in the new Railways Act. Steps to create additional posts of TTEs etc. are also taken wherever justified.

Improvements in National Highways

3053. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI SURINDER KUMA ; SINGLA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the iNational Highway Network requires considerable improvement;

(b) if so, what is the length of National Highways Network, still single iatie or wit., low-grade surface;

(c) whet is. the length of National Highways Network which is due for widening to four lane considering the traffic density;

(d) whether Government have any strategy to complete the above works; and

(e) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Although National Highways in the country are generally in a traffic worthy condition, the network has certain deficiencies. Out of the total length of 33,689 kms, a length of 5636 km *is* still having single lane or low grade surfacing. Keeping in view the expected growth of traffic by 1995, a length of about 14,900 kms would need four-laning as per the existing capacity norms.

(d) and (e) Development of National Highways is a continuing activity and improvement works are being taken up on the basis of Annual Plans/ Five Year subject to availability o: funds. In the 8th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 2460.00 crores is earmar ked for the development of existing National Highways. Due to constraint; of resources, it is too early to indicate the time frame for the removal ol various deficiencies on N. H. network For this purpose, it is envisaged tc attract private sector participation a; well.

हिन्दुस्तान शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड को हुआ घाटा

3054. **श्री विनोद शर्मा** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का एकक हिन्दुस्तान शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड पिछले कई वर्षों से घाटे में चल रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार कितना घाटा होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है ; और

(ग) इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार घाटा निम्न प्रकार था :–

वर्ष	घाटा (करोड़ रु.)
1989–90	78.82
1990–91	78.35
1991–92	103.74 (अनन्तिम)

(ग) घाटे के मुख्य कारण निम्नलिखित हैं :–

(i) खाद्यान्न मूल्य अन्तर।

(ii) कम उत्पादकता।

(iii) जहाजों को पुना करने में लगा अधिक समय।

(iv) कार्यशील पूंजी की आवश्यकताओं के वित्त पोषण हेतु बैंकों आदि से लिये गए ऋणों पर भारी ब्याज का भार।

Repair work on NiaamuiWin Bridge

3055.. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased lo state:

(a) whether: it is a fact that the repair workon the Nizarnuddin Bridge is progressing very slowly causing great inconvenience to the public; and

(b) if so, what action has been Laken to complete the repair work expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a; No, Sir. Repair work on t he bridge is progressing as per schedule.

(b) Does not arise.

Nsiiona! Highways in Karnataka

3056. SHRI J. P JAVALI; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT *hj* pleased to slate:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to ihe Road Development Programmes of 1961 and 1981, Karnataka should hav$_e$ National Highways to Lh$_e$ extent of 3215-Kilo-metres;

(b) if so, what is the present length oi National Highways in Karnataka and the reasons for the short fall, if any; and

(c) the new routesjState-Highways proposed for conversion into National Highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF "HE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTL.ER1: (a) and (b) No, Sir. None of the two Hoad Development Plans, namely J9Q1-1981 and 1931-2001, mentions any Itate-wise targets for National Highways in different States. How^{ve}r, the pres3nt length of National Highways in Karnataka is 1996 Km.

(c) The State Government of Karnataka had sent 13 proposals for *dec*-lararion of new National Highways in l h$_u$ 8 Cii Plan which are enclosed as vtatement. *(See* below) However, since a very large number cf proposals aggregating to 37,566 Kms have been received from various States, and there is paucity of fluids, it is too early to indicate decision about new National I Highways in the 8th Plan.